How to Update Program or Course Outcomes at UHart University

For this video, we will talk more with you about how to create a curriculum map, to make your experience with picking a project to measure student learning a whole lot easier. Let's dive in, to learn more.

Curriculum Maps: One Format

Program Directors or Academic Program leaders create curriculum maps. Essentially, they look at the course and the major assignments in the course. They mark which program outcomes are taught or discussed in which courses. Here is an example of what a simplified map looks like.

Curriculum Maps: Second Format

Curriculum maps are most traditionally displayed as the following table on this slide. Notice, that the table designates where a concept is introduced, where the concept is touched upon again (or reinforced), as well as when it is mastered.

In our assessment software, the letter "I" for Introduced, the letter "R" for reinforced, and "M" for Mastery is used. Sometimes in the final course, capstones and portfolios will assess multiple outcomes, as they are the final course.

You do not measure student learning only where it says "Master" on this traditional curriculum map. When we write "Master", this just means that at this point students should have a level of mastery with a concept.

Faculty should still assess some of their core courses over the years, regardless if the course on the map is Introducing, Reinforcing or Mastering an outcome.

Planning & Self Study Tutorial

At this point, I will quickly show you where in Planning & Self Study you can find your curriculum maps and where you can work on them. So here, this is what you would potentially see when you log into Planning & Self Study.

We have this Test Course—or excuse me—Test Program, Special Education Test program. What we will do is we will click on the program name.

We will be taken to another page that has several tabs. We will click on the "Curriculum" tab. Here, you will have a list of courses that should belong to your program. Please contact the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, if you do not have courses listed here.

If you do have your courses listed, please click on this button, "Create New Curriculum Map". When you click this map, you will see your outcomes that should be in Planning & Self Study, as

well as your courses in your program. As a test, we will click here to show you how to add your acronym. So here, you can align your course by clicking either "Introduce", "Reinforce", or "Mastery". We will first click on "Alignment" and "Yes". And for this example, we will choose I for "Introduce" and there should be a letter that appears. In the future, you can also "Add Measures". We will cover this in a different video. For now, that is all for curriculum maps. If you have any questions about curriculum mapping, please contact the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.